

Downtown Transit Center Temporary Transit Facilities

Construction of the new Downtown Redmond Transit Center on NE 83rd St. will begin within a couple of months. This project is a partnership between Sound Transit, King County METRO and the City of Redmond to improve transit operations and pedestrian access at the transit center.

The City of Redmond wanted to inform you about the following temporary facilities that will be in place beginning February 10, 2007, for approximately 9 months during construction of the new transit center (see map opposite side):

1. **Temporary bus stops (Bay 1 & Bay 2 on map):** The temporary bus stops on 161st Ave NE replace bus stops currently located along NE 83rd St. where construction will take place. The northbound temporary bus stop (Bay 1) and construction necessitate relocation of the bus layover to elsewhere in Downtown. Some bus routes will now stop on NE 85th St and 164th Ave NE because they cannot utilize the stops on 161st Ave NE.
2. **Temporary layover zones:** Transit operates in such a way that for short periods of time (about 15 minutes or so) buses may need to stop and wait before starting their next bus trip on time. This isn't something they can do in an active bus stop, so locations, called layover zones, are used for this purpose.
 - a. **Large buses (LB on map):** This temporary layover will be for the large buses and will be located southbound along 160th Ave NE next to the City Campus. The location was selected because the existing parking along the street does not have a high utilization rate during most of the week.
 - b. **Small transit vans (LC on map):** This temporary layover is located westbound along NE 87th St. It will be for the small transit vans only in order to minimize the impacts to adjacent properties.
3. **Temporary wayfinding and schedule signage for transit patrons and curb markings:** Temporary signs and markings to help transit riders find their bus stops and ensure that the layover space remains open for buses.

All of these changes are scheduled to remain in place for less than a year and METRO will restore all sites to the original conditions after use.

All of METRO's transit operations will shift to the new Downtown Transit Center once construction is complete. The City will then have more curb frontage than we do now for on-street parking and METRO will have a permanent location to layover buses. We will also have an attractive new transit Center for our community with more capacity for buses and better amenities for transit patrons!

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